GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CRIME AGAINST WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is annual increase of 5.22% in the crimes against women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh measures being taken by the Government to put a check on such crimes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b) As per data compiled by the National Crimes Record Bureau, there were 1,21,265. 1,31,475 and 1,31,332 incidents of crimes committed against women during 1997, 1998 and 1999 respectively. Thus, there was an increase in the number of crimes against women by 8% in 1998 over 1997 and it remained almost static in 1999 as compared to 1998.

(c) Registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes against women is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Nevertheless, the Government of India initiated a number of measures to check such crimes. State Governments have been advised to set up exclusively women police stations and women police cells in every police station. 12 State Governments and 3 Union Territory Administrations have set up special cells to deal with crime against women. 61 Family Courts are functioning in various States.

Apart from legislative changes in the relevant acts, instructions/guidelines have also been issued from time to time to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to effectively enforce legislation relating to crimes against women and monitoring their enforcement. Further, the Government of India has decided to observe the year '2001' as 'Women's Empowerment Year' to focus attention on women's issues including violence against women.